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Mr. William Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Some weeks ago, I sent a letter to Mr. Lawrence Strawderman of the Freedom of Information Act Unit of the CIA. My purpose was to request documents the CIA might hold on a meeting between the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and PLO Chief Yasser Arafat, which took place in Beirut, Lebanon, during Mr. Jackson's visit to that region.

I received a reply that the CIA had no records pertaining to my request. I also received a bill for around \$30.00 for computer search fees. It is my view that the CIA is not being completely frank in stating that no documents exist pertaining to this Jackson-Arafat meeting. After all, a meeting between ANY United States citizen and the leader of one of the world's most ruthless terrorist organizations would clearly be an area which the CIA should monitor, in some way or another. Certainly I would hope that the CIA took some notice of the meeting.

I could well understand if Mr. Strawderman had said some documents exist, but they can't be released because they are classified. That would make perfect sense. In that case, I would still be eligable to see those portions of the documents that are not exempt from disclosure. Instead, It appears that CIA is avoiding the whole issue by claiming that documents don't exist on the topic.

I would like this matter investigated. The current FOIA officer's name is Mr. Wright. He may shed light on what has been done thus far in terms of researching my request. I would also like Mr. Wright to be informed that I do, in fact, work for the Washington Office of Asahi National Broadcasting Network (headquartered in Tokyo, Japan). He seems to doubt my word on the matter. I am enclosing copies of my credentials.

Thank you very much.

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